SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON MENTAL ILLNESSES, PG 2





Regimental **funeral** planned

CEREMONY A regimental funeral for the Mountie officer killed in a crash while on a crackdown for speeders will be held in Valleyview Monday.

Const. James Lundblad, a seven-and-a-half-year



Lundblad

member of the Alberta RCMP and native of Vallevview. was killed after a grain truck slammed in-

to the side of his vehicle while on the lookout for speeders.

The service will be held in the Valleyview Arena May 11 and will start at 2 p.m. with the reception being hosted at the Memorial Hall in Valleyview.

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Passione of **Paul Potts**



PM pays visit to Kandahar

Century Place Rescue me



Firefighter Tim Berg and Melanie Mochoruk prepare for the 23-storey descent down the Century Place building Thursday as firefighter Leigh Slum looks on, securing safety ropes. The exercise is part of the regular training for the Edmonton fire rescue squad.

Three more confirmed for flu as reports of death surface

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OUTBREAK Provincial health officials say an Edmonton area woman and two central Alberta boys have tested positive for influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

That brings the total number of cases in the province to 33.

The woman did travel to Mexico while the two children didn't and all three cases were mild, said health officals.

Reports also emerged Thursday night that an elderly woman who had swine flu has died in northern Alberta, CBC News Online reported. It was not clear whether she had any other underlying conditions.

The U.S., Canada and Mexico vowed Thursday to fight what they called unjustified bans on pork products in the wake of the outbreak. WITH FILES FROM REUTERS

Gas pipe dreams dashed?

Shale a factor: Experts

State support

In Alaska, TransCanada

Corp. is leading a state-ap-

proved effort to build a

1,700-mile pipeline to Al-

berta, and will seek support

from shippers next year.

The energy industry's decades-long dream of tapping vast Alaskan and northern Canadian gas reserves faces perhaps its biggest threat yet, a flood of new unconventional supply located closer to markets, say

experts.

Multibilliondollar Arctic pipeline pro-posals, first endollar visioned in the 1970s and rekindled in the past decade as gas supplies

tightened. have been buffeted by regulatory delays, government wrangling and rising costs. Now, industry experts wonder if rapid development of gas trapped in shale formations throughout the United States and Canada could render Alaska and Northwest Territories pipelines obsolete even before any steel is put into the ground.

"It certainly threatens to do that," said Robert Ineson, senior director of North American natural gas at Cambridge Energy Research Associates, "The increase in onshore, lower-48 production since 2004 is equivalent to more than two Alaska pipelines. The only thing that's keeping it from growing further at the moment is lack of demand.'

Even as the recession pushed gas prices to multiyear lows, the buzz over shale gas intensified as companies have announced finds pegged in the trillions

of cubic feet.

Backers of the \$26-billion US Alaska pipeline proposal and \$13.8 billion Mackenzie pipeline had said a main rationale for

their projects is the threat of price spikes as conventional production wanes. Neither project is expected to be in service until the next decade or later.

"The amount of gas that's been found over the last 24 months was clearly inconceivable to forecast five years ago," said Manuj Nikhanj, vice-president of Ross Smith Energy Group, a Calgary-based firm. "So at no fault of people's thinking five years ago, there's been a huge paradigm shift with respect to the natural gas market. REUTERS

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Despite fire still burning, residents allowed to go home

Families in Strathcona County were allowed back into 17 homes Thursday morning after emergency crews lifted a local state of emergency. Firefighters say the blaze is still burning and it will take a week to extinguish all of the hot spots in the area. METRO EDMONTON

Local



School field trips back on

Both of the city's school boards have halted its restrictions on field trips Wednesday night. Edmonton's public school board will now allow students and staff to resume air travel within Canada, as well as all international field trips and district business trips. The Catholic school board also voted in a closed-door meeting in favour of lifting the ban on all field trips outside of the province. Both boards made the initial cancellations over fears of the influenza A virus (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

METRO EDMONTON

Shining a spotlight on mental illnesses

CMHA says treating kids at an early age beneficial

ANDREW COWIE for Metro Edmonton

Teachers in Edmonton Catholic schools were wearing green Thursday to raise awareness on student mental health issues.

As part of a new partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association, the schools wanted to raise awareness on lifelong mental ailments that can be discovered and treated earlier if dealt with at a young age.
Tom Shand, executive

director of the Alberta division of the Canadian Mental Health Associa-



tion, said that a stigma remains on the issue of mental illness, and that by promoting what people can do and spreading education, they can attack the problem earlier.
"People are fearful on

"People still don't openly discuss (mental health issues) ... But if you (accept) the idea as kids, you'll carry it to adulthood."

Tom Shand, Canadian Mental Health Association

how they'll be seen," said Shand. "(They) don't have the same comfort level.

Shand compared how people misunderstand some mental illnesses like schizophrenia to how people labelled cancer or HIV victims in the past, and said with more open discussion, some of the fears and worries about mental illness will dissipate.

"People still don't openly discuss it ... though now a lot of things (they) feel more comfortable (with)," he said. "But if you (accept) the idea as kids, you'll carry it to adulthood."

Shand said that half of people with long-term ailments could be diagnosed at the age of 14, adding that the earlier people know about their problem, the sooner they can helped.

earlier they're treated, the better the life possibilities," he said.

Coun. Thiele Motorcycle safety



Coun. Dave Thiele welcomes motorbikes out onto city streets Thursday at Churchill Square by encouraging riders to complete safe-rider courses.

News in brief

POWER Alberta is looking at more efficient ways to get power into people's homes. A new study underway by Alberta Energy is opening up the possibility of underground transmission of high-voltage power lines. The review will also assess state-of-the-art systems, which will focus on high-voltage currents and should be back to government in the summer.

METRO EDMONTON

Monday's Metro

Take Five Introducing Metro's new horoscope columnist Sally Brompton.

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Video A Quebec convenience store chain stands by ad campaign featuring violent deaths of clowns at metronews.ca/canada **Blogs** Sexcetera asks





Dental assisting student Alyssa Sims encourages those aged four to 21 to come down to NAIT to

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"It is quality care for a low price," said Daria Pardental assistant program at NAIT.

A similar program will take place in July for teenagers and adults aged 12 to 35.

To book an appointment, call 780-471-8827.

Closed fire door results in \$2K fine

NIGHTCLUB An Edmonton nightclub has agreed to pay \$2,000 in fines after pleading guilty for ob-structing an emergency ex-

The city says a fire-prevention officer noticed an exit door at the Laser Express Box nightclub, near 34 Avenue and 99 Street, was sealed shut during an inspection last fall.

Obstructing or locking exits at businesses can prevent or hinder a customer's ability to leave a building safely during an emer-gency, said Fire Marshall Ian Sterling in a press re-

"Our fire-prevention officers conduct regular visits in bars, nightclubs and other such premises to ensure compliance codes," said Sterling.

While situations are encountered at times, the majority of these types of establishments make a real effort to ensure that they comply and don't get fined.

Businesses can face up to \$15,000 for the first offence and up to \$30,000 for the second and subsequent offence, said the city.

Fire inspectors inspected 129 nightclubs and bars in the city last year, which resulted in two charges for non-compliance, said the

The officers also did 739 operational night patrols that resulted in five charges for non-compliance, said the city.

METRO EDMONTON

\$15M tabbed for communities

FUNDING The provincial government is giving out \$15 million across Alberta to build safer and stronger communities.

Started in 2007-08, the Major Community Facilities Program is a two-year \$280-million lottery-funded initiative to help municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and aboriginal

communities to either upgrade or construct public facilities.

Eleven different groups, 10 of which are in the Capital Region, will share the money from the program.

Other community-investment programs can be found on the government website at culture.alberta.ca

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Road construction at Henday and Yellowhead

Access between Anthony Henday Drive and Yellowhead Trail will be shut down as construction continues on an ongoing project. The access ramps, at the interchange of Henday and Yellowhead, will be closed starting at 7 p.m. on Friday and continue until 6 a.m. on Monday. METRO EDMONTON

Police seek help finding mugging suspect

CRIME Edmonton police are asking the public's help in trying to identify a suspect who was involved in a string of muggings across the city.

All of the robberies involved some degree of violence and the suspect is believed to be responsible for at least four, including one that most recently occurred Thursday morning at a TD Bank machine near 165 Avenue and 97 Street, said police.



Suspect

In all of the cases, a man would approach his victims from behind and then threaten them with a knife while demanding that they hand over all of their cash, police said.

Police say in some cases, a victim's PIN was demanded and their debit or credit card would be taken with money being later withdrawn from their accounts.

Police have released surveillance images of the suspect.

METRO EDMONTON

Province aims to boost forestry

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Alberta's government will support the province's troubled forestry sector, but it won't spend as much as what was recommended by the industry.

The province has agreed to follow up on 43 recommendations that were made last August by a committee made up of MIAs and forest industry leaders that it says will help the struggling sector become more competitive and environmentally sustainable.

But Sustainable Resource Minister Ted Morton says the other six recommendations couldn't be approved because some infringe on Canada's soft wood lumber agreement with the United States while others were too expensive for Alberta's government.

Jobs lost

• Roughly 3,800 jobs have been lost in Alberta's forestry sector, according to figures from the Alberta Forest Products Association.

"This government is running a significant debt this year and the kind of funds that were perceived to be available last July and August are not there today," said Morton. "It's not that we reject it, but the response has been deferred."

Morton said the government, when it moves ahead with the approved recommendations, will make it easier for companies to transfer timber tenures and it will allow companies to sell wood to coal-fired power plants that will be used for fuel.

The cost of the move "is yet to be determined," said Morton.

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nuclear power generation in Alberta

As part of the Alberta government's comprehensive review and study of the prospect of nuclear power generation in Alberta, the province is committed to consulting with Albertans on this issue.

In 2008, a Nuclear Power Expert Panel was created with a mandate to fully examine all aspects of nuclear power including environmental, health and safety issues, waste management and comparisons with other electricity generation options in Alberta. The Expert Panel has now submitted its findings.

The Alberta government recognizes there are many diverse perspectives and views on nuclear energy and would like to hear from all Albertans via a comprehensive online survey or by paper copy. The survey will remain open until June 1, 2009.

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Filling stations get fewer, survey shows

The number of filling stations in Canada shrank again last year, a sign that gasoline retailers are turning slim profits even as the Canadian population grows, according to a survey released Thursday. REUTERS

Canada



Microsoft to buy game maker

Microsoft Corp. (chairman Bill Gates, left) said Thursday it will buy Vancouver computer game designer BigPark Inc. for an undisclosed amount, as it pushes its strategy of producing exclusive games for its Xbox entertainment system.

Microsoft has already been working with BigPark over the past year on a game for the Xbox, but has so far announced no details. More information is expected at the video-game industry's annual E3 Expo in June.

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Sask., Montana team on carbon

ENVIRONMENT As

Saskatchewan and Montana launch a \$270million carbon-capture project, there are spinoff benefits for the Canadian economy.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer announced plans for carbon dioxide storage facilities and a pipeline between their jurisdictions.

The international accord is significant because Saskatchewan is a leader in the fledgling technology of underground storage of carbon dioxide.

"(This) will be a worldleading demonstration of carbon-capture and sequestration at a coal-generating facility in our province and the sequestering to happen in Montana," Wall said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U.S. help allows for aid: PM

Harper makes brief surprise appearance in Afghanistan

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says thousands of new U.S. troops in Afghanistan will allow Canada to refocus its efforts in the country on humanitarian projects and on training the Afghan army and police force as it prepares for pullout in 2011.

In a surprise, brief appearance in Afghanistan, his third since becoming prime minister, Harper's visit was part pep rally and reminder that changes are coming to Afghanistan.

"The mission is changing in several different ways," Harper told reporters, referring to the emphasis on making the Afghan forces responsible for their own security and better-defined civilian objectives.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits in the cockpit of a C-17 aircraft while flying en route to Afghanistan yesterday. Harper says Canada will shift its focus in that country to training police and military personnel as it prepares for its 2011 pullout.

After landing at the Kandahar airfield, the largest NATO base in the world, Harper immediately flew

by military helicopter to see progress on Canada's signature project, the \$50million refurbishment of the Dahla dam and irrigation system northeast of Kandahar.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Buzz over bee crisis unfounded, study says

BEE POPULATION A frightening buzz over the imminent demise of honeybees — and the disappearance of their critical pollinating prowess — is unfounded, according to a new Canadian-led study that shows their global numbers are actually growing.

High-profile stories over the past three years detailing the mysterious decimation of thousands of bee colonies have led to fears the human food supply was being imperilled by a "pollination crisis," says the study, which appears in the journal Current Biology, out now.

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News in brief

SEAL HUNT MPs agreed to a motion Wednesday that the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver should be used to promote products from the annual seal hunt, including the possibility that Canada's uniform include at least one seal product. Fisheries Minister Gail Shea applauded the idea, but wondered whether it might be too late. CBC NEWS ONLINE



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Climate change could affect shrimp stocks: Experts

A \$500-million North Atlantic shrimp fishery may be vulnerable to climate change that could disrupt the shrimp's life cycle and mislead them into hatching, scientists said Thursday. REUTERS



World

Pakistan eyes Taliban

Army told to 'eliminate' militants in Swat valley

Pakistan's government ordered the army to eliminate militants on Thursday, setting the stage for a major offensive against Taliban fighters battling security forces in a northwestern valley.

The government's handling of the Swat valley has become a test of its resolve to fight a growing Taliban insurgency that has alarmed the United States.

President Asif Ali Zardari assured U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday of Islamabad's commitment to defeating al-Qaida

U.S. builds new military camp

• A huge U.S. military camp is taking shape in southern Afghanistan for thousands of extra U.S. troops charged with

• Camp Leatherneck will host more than 8,000 Marines now flowing into the region.

and its allies.

Security forces used jets and helicopters to pound Taliban positions in Swat, as thousands of civilians took advantage of a break in a curfew to flee.

With hundreds of thousands of people already displaced, aid groups said the new exodus of tens of thousands was intensifying a humanitarian crisis.

defeating a resurgent Taliban.

"In order to restore honour and dignity of our homeland and to protect the people, the armed forces have been called in to eliminate the militants and terrorists," said Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani.

News in brief

SPACE Long-haul trips could be made in spaceships instead of planes in 20 years' time if the efforts of Richard Branson's Virgin Group to commercialize space travel succeed, the president of Virgin Galactic said Thursday. The company hopes to start offering \$300,000 trips to space in two years.

DEMOCRATS A former Democratic party fundraiser, whose arrest in 2007 prompted Hillary Clinton to return \$850,000 US in campaign contributions, pleaded guilty Thursday to fraud charges. Norman Hsu, who was sentenced to three years in prison by a California state judge in January 2008, pleaded guilty to charges of mail fraud and wire fraud in running a Ponzi scheme of up to \$60 million.

Japan Bot for teacher



A humanoid robot named Saya is touched by students during a teaching demonstration at an elementary school in Tokyo. The robot, developed by a Tokyo University of Science professor, can speak different languages and make facial expressions.

1,300 acres destroyed by fierce California blaze

SANTA BARBARA A wildfire that has destroyed dozens of multimillion-dollar homes and injured 10 fire-fighters burned through the central California foothills near Santa Barbara for a third day Thursday.

Already, 13,500 people

have fled their homes in the hillsides surrounding seaside Santa Barbara as 1,400 firefighters fought the fire, which was being investigated as an arson.

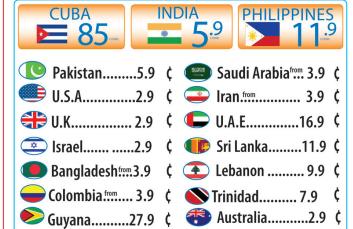
By mid-afternoon, the socalled Jesusita fire had charred an estimated 1,300 acres, and crews contending with nearly 37 C weather made little headway in containing the flames. Authorities were concerned that the flames were edging toward the more populated downtown area.

Flu Outbreak: WHO's pandemic level holding at 5

- The influenza A (H1N1) virus, also known as swine flu, is not yet spreading in a sustained way outside North America, so the global pandemic level remains at 5 out of 6, a senior WHO official said on Thursday.
- Mexico confirmed two more deaths Thursday,
- raising the country's toll to 44. Mexico says the worst is over, and millions of students returned to classes Thursday as the country got back on its feet.
- The new virus would have a bigger impact on Africa than anywhere else should it break out on the world's poorest continent,
- due to weaker surveillance systems and insufficient resources, the WHO's Africa director said Thursday.
- o The U.S. pork industry, battered by import bans, could soon receive help from the government, said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

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(who took on the Cuban

presidency in 2006 due to Fidel's illness) are literally on their last legs. Equally,

U.S. President Barack Oba-

ma's conciliatory gestures towards the island —

backed by more positive U.S. public opinion about

the country — signal that the U.S. embargo that has stifled Cuba's economy for

decades may finally be

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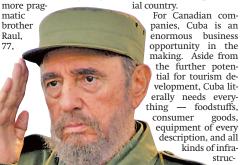


o visit Cuba is literally to experience time travel. Outside the self-contained and sani-tized resorts from which few Canadians venture, Cuba is stranded in the 1950s a vista of decaying towns and cities, large stretches of unused countryside, hammerhead oil wells, clutches of workers at bus stops, crumbling highways, and innumerable classic cars, many belching apocalyptic clouds of exhaust. The only advertisements are revolutionary slogans painted on walls. And everywhere there's a constant police presence, a none-toosubtle reminder that Cuba remains a repressive state.

If the country barely progressed

since Fidel Castro took over on Jan. 1, 1959, the recent past has hardly been kinder. Thanks to the global recession, external fi-nancing for the island has dried up, falling commodity prices have cut into export revenues for key items such as nickel, food imports are becoming more costly, and tourism—now a roughly \$3-billion-a-year industry - is slowing down.

All this will change, and not just because economic growth will resume. Fidel Castro, 82, and his younger,



And if U.S. estimates are correct, there's something like five billion barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas waiting for exploitation offshore.

But aside from Sherritt International's well-developed nickel mining, oil and gas and electricity opera-tions, corporate Canada seems largely absent. An estimated 85 Canadian firms operate there, but aside from the likes of Sherritt and Labatt Breweries (actually owned by Belgium's InBev S.A.) the rest are mid-sized and smaller companies.

The Harper government's coolness toward Cuba in recent years hasn't helped either.

By contrast, sizable U.S. and European companies are already jockeying for position once the door opens on the new Cuba.

It's an opportunity that Canada cannot afford to

description, and all kinds of infra-

Veteran financial writer Charles Davies exently spent time in Havana and northern Cuba, visiting sites once frequented by Ernest Hemingway.

Bringing life back to our urban desert

UrbanCompass Terence Hardina

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The city is looking for ideas on how to spruce up Jasper Avenue. This is something that is long overdue.

When I first moved to Edmonton, Jasper Avenue was abuzz with activity both day and night. But that was before Edmonton Centre, West Edmonton Mall and a hip and trendy Whyte Avenue. The intervening years have changed Jasper from a vibrant main street into an urban desert.

So what is our city to do? I think the first thing it must do is to decide whether people are more important than cars because it is cars that get the greatest use from our main street. Assuming that the city decides that it wants people on Jasper, there are a couple of things it can do in the short term.

The first thing it should do is not be too ambitious. Jasper is very long; trying to change it all at once would spread our available dollars too thinly and not make much of an impact. It would be much better to do it in stages. I would suggest that we concentrate on the area between 100 Street and 104 Street.

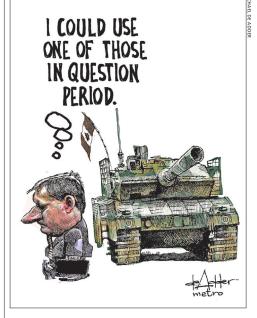
We could take out park-

ing on that section of the avenue and remove those sarcophaguses in the centre. Then we could reduce the avenue to two lanes. That being done, we should extend the sidewalks so that people can walk easily in the area and restaurants can create serving areas in front of their establishments. That way when people come to visit our fair city, they would clearly see that there is in fact a downtown in Edmon-

Over the long term, we could continue the process along Jasper to 107th Street and then south toward the legislature building. We could then link up the walking area on Jasper to Winston Churchill Square. I think that over time the end result would be an easy and interesting walk from city hall to the grounds of the legislature.

Over the very long term, we should look at completely closing off those seven blocks of Japer Avenue to vehicular traffic. We could then do the same thing with most of Rice Howard Way. In the end, we would end up with an attractive, pedestrian and business friendly area in the downtown that could be used to accommodate festivals, parades and whatever else we want to do. What do you think?

Terence Harding is a corporate communicator He's a keen observer of all things Edmonton; edmontonletters@metronews.ca.



Worth mentioning

U.S. soldier may face death for role in Iraqi murders

A former U.S. soldier was convicted Thursday of raping an Iraqi girl and killing her and her family near Baghdad in 2006 and now faces a possible death sen-

federal court jury that delivered guilty verdicts on all counts 16 against former Pte. 1st Class Steven Green will decide his fate in the trial's death penalty phase beginning Monday.

Green, 24, was tried in federal court as a civilian on murder, rape and obstruction of justice charges since his arrest came after he was dis-charged from the U.S. Army later in 2006 for a "personality disorder."

The trial, which lasted eight days before 11/2 days of jury deliberations, featured prosecution testimony by Green's former comrades in which they de-

tailed the brutal assault, one of several incidents involving Amerisoldiers can that enraged Iraqis and strained U.S. relations.

Green, 19 at the time of the crime, was described as the trigger-

man in the group of five men, who donned black "ninja" outfits and raped Abeer Qassim Hamza al-Janabi, 14, and shot to death her and her father, mother and six-year-old

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\$400M renovation being mulled for Olympic Stadium

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BCE, Telus see drop in wireless revenue

Corp. warned Thursday that the recession is battering their key wireless businesses as consumers keep a tight rein on spending and use their mobile phones less often.

subscriber additions dropped 46 per cent to 48,000. Average monthly revenue for both prepaid and postpaid users fell 5.6 per cent to \$58.39 per wireless user.

BCE added 35,000 new postpaid users to its wireless network, up from 28,000 a year earlier, but average revenue per postpaid user fell three per cent to \$62.34 a month, it REUTERS

Warner posts loss

Music company hit by plummeting CD sales

Warner Music Group on Thursday posted a wider quarter loss as recorded music sales fell faster than expected, sending its shares down 15 per cent.

The world's third-largest music company posted a net loss of \$68 million US, or 45 cents a share in its fiscal second quarter ended March 31, compared with a year-earlier loss of \$37 million, or 25 cents a share.

The company booked \$33 million in charges for items such as the declining value of investments in digital music startup companies Lala and Imeem.

As a result of the writeoffs, chief executive Edgar Bronfman told analysts on a conference call that he does not intend to make

Digital sales

 Warner Music said its digital music sales rose six per cent from the prior year to \$173 million US, or 26 per cent of total revenue in guarter.

more venture capital investments in digital music startups.

Revenue fell 17 per cent to \$668 million, compared with the average Wall Street forecast of of \$730.2

This sent the company's shares down 15 per cent to \$4.63 on the New York Stock Exchange, but still well above the shares' recent low of \$1.76 back in March.

Goldman analyst Ingrid Chung cited the "lighterthan-expected top line" and "the strong rally leading up to earnings" for the decline in a research note issued after the results

Like other music companies, Warner is struggling with shrinking sales of recorded music as fewer fans buy albums in physical CD format.

The transition to downloaded music has led to a decline in revenue throughout the industry as fans increasingly buy lower-priced individual songs

from web retailers. Warner also blamed the weak results on a light record-release schedule and the turbulent global economy.

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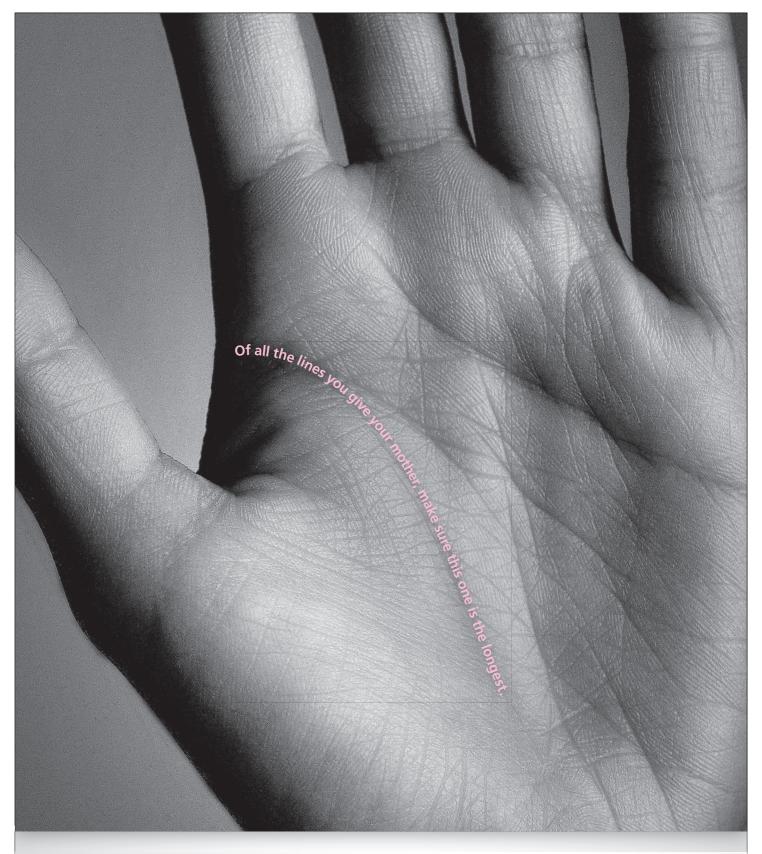
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Done for good, for real?

Brett Favre has reportedly told the Minnesota Vikings that he wants to stay retired. Yahoo Sports reported Thursday, citing a source close to the Vikings, that Favre told Minnesota coach Brad Childress in a phone conversation that he wanted to stay retired. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Man-Ram gets 50 games

Thursday. Ramirez, who signed a two-year, \$45-million contract with the Dodgers before the season, was hitting .348 with six homers and 20 runs batted in.

Hawks down Canucks More to sports than NHL boardrooms

NHL RESULTS



Martin Haylat tallied the equalizer with 2:44 left in regulation and Andrew Ladd scored 2:52 into overtime to give Chicago a 2-1 win over Vancouver in Game 4 of their Western **Conference semifinal**

With the victory, Chicago evened the matchup at 2-2, with Game 5 set for Saturday in Vancouver.

În a frantic overtime period, Blackhawks goalie Ñikolai Khabibulin made several nice saves before Chicago advanced into the Vancouver zone and got off a few shots. Dave Bolland collect-



Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo covers up the puck as Chicago's Jonathan Toews waits for a rebound Thursday in the first period of the Blackhawks' 2-1 win.

ed the loose puck along the right boards, wound up and sent a slapshot on net that Ladd tipped in to end the METRO NEWS SERVICES



heard, there's a billionaire trying to buy an NHL team and move it to Southern Ontario.

Toronto hockey fans are in a tizzy.

And while it's awesome to see the affection folks in the metropolis have for our ice-bound obsession, there is so much out there that screams for our attention.

It's true hockey has come to embody much of the Canadian identity, but this fascination with what is essentially a business deal has overshadowed what great sport is really all about.

I'm talking about the wizardry of Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin on Stanley Cup playoff ice. The Blue Jays are making a little magic deep into May and are still in first place. And professional soccer is finally taking root in this country, reflecting a complex, multi-



cultural reality.

Beyond all this, the playing fields are alive across the land. Young people are back in the water and on the tracks to someday soon fly Canadian colours on the international stage.

Don't get me wrong, I love hockey and think a seventh NHL franchise in this country would be sweet justice. But I'm not going to dwell on it.

Heck, Canada's going to host the Olympics in nine months! Women ski jumpers are fighting for gender equality and the right to compete at Vancouif the Golden Horseshoe's Pan American Games bid will be successful.

The world's fastest man, Usain Bolt, will appear in Toronto, and just outside Halifax this summer they'll stage canoe/kayak cl the world champimarathons to be run and swimming races to be won.

So there it is. I applaud Jim Balsillie's quest to plant another team in Canadian soil and redefine the NHL's future. But, in a sporting nation like ours, it's also good to know that the field of play goes well beyond the boards, or indeed boardrooms, of pro hockey.

Gemini Award-winner and author Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has cover a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic Games and numerous world championships.



Movies&Entertainment

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Angels & Demons' mix of intrigue and religion — starring Tom Hanks in a reprise of his Da Vinci role as symbologist Robert Langdon — may sound familiar to Da Vinci Code fans but director Ron Howard maintains this instalment is a different beast. "I just didn't want to miss this next Robert Langdon adventure," he says.



Lymelife's suburbia feels as tacky as the '80s decor.



Paul Potts describes his ride from British talent show.



Less Than Kind star up for an award for his TV role.



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emons 'a different beast'

Director Howard dishes on follow-up to record-breaking Da Vinci Code

RICHARD CROUSE for Metro Canada

Ron Howard, the flame-

haired actor turned director of The Da Vinci Code, wasn't surprised by the success of his adaptation of the best selling Dan

Movie feature

Brown suspense novel.

'The idea at the centre of The Da Vinci Code was so button issue it really lived at the centre of popular culture for almost two years," he said this week in Rome before the premiere of Angels & Demons, the follow-up to the record-breaking Da Vinci Code.

"Angels & Demons is a popular novel," the director says, although he acknowledges that it isn't as notorious as the other book. "What I'm finding, however, is if you like The Da Vinci Code you're going to really like Angels & Demons. I feel like it could be a thrilling and exciting experience for audiences in of itself."

The new film, starring Tom Hanks in a reprise of his Da Vinci role as symbologist Robert Langdon, sees the Harvard professor work to solve a murder, unravel the mystery of an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and

Tom Hanks, left, reprises his role as The Da Vinci Code symbologist Robert Langdon in the film adaptation of the Dan Brown novel Angels & Demons. The film is in theatres next week.

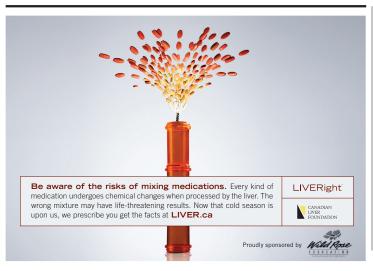
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prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

The mix of intrigue and religious may sound familiar to Da Vinci Code fans but Howard maintains Angels & Demons is a different beast.
"If I felt like it was a

cookie cutter situation and I was being asked to repeat myself then it wouldn't interest me," he said.







Weisz plays Whistleblower

Rachel Weisz has signed up to star in upcoming political drama Whistleblower. The Constant Gardener actress will play an American police officer who discovers a sex-trafficking scandal in post-war Bosnia. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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Lymelife's nihilism prefab

Lymelife

Director: Derick Martini Stars: Alec Baldwin, Rory

Classification: 14A

ADAM NAYMAN for Metro Canada

A story of familial dysfunction set at the dawn of the Reagan '80s, Lymelife orbits around Scott Bartlett (Rory Culkin), the moody son of an adulterous dad (Alec Baldwin) and a self-martyring mom (Jill Hennessy).

Derick Martini's film (cowritten by his brother Steven) works over the terrain of suburban ennui first cultivated by Robert Redford's Ordinary People in 1980, but familiarity is only part of the problem. Despite the presence of some talented actors (including Ordinary People alum Tim-

othy Hutton), Lymelife's various dramatic and visual conceits feel as if they're still trapped on the page.

In the end, Lymelife's nihilism feels as tackily prefab as its painstakingly recreated period decor.



Alec Baldwin plays an adulterous dad in Lymelife

Life's got food for both heart, head

The Necessities of Life

Director: Benoit Pilon
Stars: Natar Ungalaaq, Éveline
Gélinas, Paul-André Brasseur
Classification: PG
Rating: @@@½

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

REVIEW Deeply moving without ever succumbing to shameless sentimentality, The Necessities Of Life was justifiably Canada's selection for this year's best foreign film Oscar.

Unfortunately, the movie was not able to claim a nomination, but that should in no way discourage audiences from seeing one of our nation's finest films in recent years.

The movie can be a difficult and upsetting cinematic experience, but one with rich rewards for audiences willing to tough it out with their hankies.

Natar Ungalaaq stars as Tiviim, an Inuk from the far North who is separated from his family and shipped to Quebec after being diagnosed with tuberculosis. Tivii soon finds himself in a hospital room surrounded by incommu-



A scene from the Quebec film
The Necessities of Life.

nicative hospital staff.

There, Tivii befriends a nurse (Éveline Gélinas) who introduces him to an Inuk boy (Paul-André Brasseur) who gives Tivii a reason to survive his ordeal.

Given that so much of the film is about isolation, depression, and culture shock, this movie can hardly be described as entertaining.

But thanks to subdued direction from Benoit Pilon and some deeply moving performances, it's still an intellectually nourishing night at the movies.





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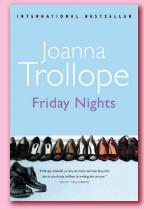
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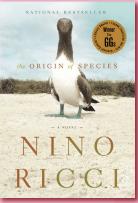
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Quiet Nights, Diana Krall (left);
 Live In London, Leonard Cohen;
 Passione, Paul Potts;
 Together Through Life, Bob Dylan;
 Songs Around The World, Playing for Change. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

The Passione of Paul Potts

British tenor and reality TV champ back with a new CD

Paul Potts has two keys to survival in the spotlight, which he'd like to share with current Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle: Take it day-by-day, and eat healthy.

The British tenor and 2007 winner of the variety show is great at sticking to the first. The other one? Not so much, but it's something he's trying to change as he jets across the globe in promotion of his second release, Passione. Accompanied by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits (Procol Harum's A Whiter Shade of Pale is decidedly different when sung in that style).

Though Passione's lineup had to be approved by BGT judge Simon Cowell, Potts had more input this time around into whittling down 60 potential songs onto the 10-track release than on his debut, One Chance.

"I wanted the songs to reflect many different kinds of passion," says the Bristol native and former cellphone store manager. "They're simple tunes, but incredibly beautiful, I think. Some of them are quite a challenge for a tenor to sing, quite rangey, which is what I wanted. We had more time to record it, so we were able to pace it better."

Ånd pace is something he'll have to keep up over the next little while as he tours. Noting diabetes runs in the family, Potts says it's important to keep the strict diet that helped him shed six kilograms



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since January — especially in North America where he says steakhouses abound in comparison to Europe. It's the homecooking Potts misses the most on the road, a link to normalcy (he gestures quotes with his fingers

when he says it) between stints in the bright lights.

"I used to travel on a bike but now I travel here, there and everywhere," he said. "I still do things the way I've always done. I end up doing the shopping at home — my wife

hates it — and people come up to me like I'm crazy. They ask me haven't I got someone to do my shopping for me. Well no, why should I? I'd have to make a list and be organized if I did that."

As for a duet with

"I wanted the songs to reflect many different kinds of passion ... They're simple tunes, but incredibly beautiful."

Amazon.ca's bestselling albums

Paul Potts

Boyle, his BGT contemporary who became an overnight sensation much like he did two years before, he won't rule it out. Though he doesn't think that far ahead, and he advises her not to either, at least not past a performance.

"I would perform as if nothing's going to happen after it, because otherwise you put a lot of pressure on yourself and you think, 'This could happen, that could happen,' he said. "You should never concentrate on the What Ifs. You should concentrate on what you have in front of you, right here and now."

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Billboard's top albums

1. Together Through Life, Bob Dylan (right); 2. Hannah Montana Soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; 4. Deeper Than Rap, Rick Ross; 5. The Fame, Lady GaGa. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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The future of digital music

On-demand streams could be the next big thing for the industry



or most people, obtaining music involves a transactional experience. I give you money and in exchange, you give me a piece of plastic (a CD, a record, a tape) or access to a digital file (iTunes, eMusic, etc.) At the end of the transaction, I possess (own) a copy of the performance. And it will remain mine until I throw it away or delete it from my

hard drive. But this idea of

possessing music is becoming a rather quaint notion. Think about it: If you're able to access whatever song you want from wherever you are at whatever time on any device you choose, why on Earth would you ever need to physically possess a piece of plastic or a digital file?

This is the thinking behind a number of emerging music services that offer on-demand streams. Spotify (a Swedish creation not yet available in Canada) allows users to instantly access specific songs or albums through your computer. Although you need a wired Internet connection right now. coders are working on an

application for iPhone, Goog Android plat-Google's and Wi-Fi. Spotify is free for the moment, but that might change once it's out of beta.

We7 is a U.K. service that does much the same thing with the complete blessing of the major labels. Part of its business model involves running ads that they called "blipverts" before songs. In both cases, the con-

sumer doesn't have to pay for anything. The value for the music streaming company and their

bel partners comes from the data they capture from you. By registering with these services, companies

with music recommendations. It also means better know who you targeting for advertisers, are. what but most people don't you're lismind being subjected to tening to ads as long as they're for goods and services in and what which they might be interkind of device ested. you're 115-

The thinking here is twofold: The music "feels" free to the consumer. It's like having the world's biggest hard drive full of music without having to pay for anything - or without it taking up space on the shelf or the hard drive. Second, if you can get all the music you want, it should cut down on pira-

Theoretically, this allows

them to better target you

Will it work? Maybe We'll see. The digital world is littered with good ideas.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be leard on stations across Canada. Read more ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

• Fortress Round My Heart, Ida Maria:

Maria's intense, raspy vocals add some fury and fun to her band's en-

ergetic pop-punk sound

Together Through Life, **Bob Dylan:**

Guest accordion and guitar play ers help Dvlan deliver



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Derek Hough could be adding movie star to his resume. The Dancing With the Stars pro confirms that he could be waltzing into the upcoming Footloose remake. "I haven't auditioned, but I've met with the people," Hough said. EONLINE.COM

Television



Leo-nominated actor Benjamin

TV persona parallels actor

Less Than Kind's Benjamin Arthur is up for a Leo Award for his role as Josh

IAN JOHNSTON for Metro Canada

Actor Beniamin Arthur says there's a lot of

himself in his Josh Blecher character on TV's Less Than Kind.

Which is a surprise. Though they are both actors, Josh is also a conceited bully/exhibitionist with little ambition who takes great delight in torturing his younger brother.

'I'm in there, absolutely," says Arthur, 28, whose Less Than Kind role has been nominated for a Leo Award.

"I was preparing for the part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."

Now filming its second season, Less Than Kind is a dark comedy about a dysfunctional Winnipeg family and its perpetually embarrassed teen son Sheldon (Jesse Camacho).

It's Sheldon's poor luck

in life to be stuck with a self-destructive criminal dad (Maury Chaykin), and pyromaniac mom (Wendel Meldrum). Then there's brother Josh, whose idea of high comedy is to shake his

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Less than Kind

"junk" in _ Sheldon's face (which he does in the part for 28 years. Arthur's Leo- But I'm a 'one' nominated normally. And you episode).

"Josh runs need to turn the dial completely off of bravado and ego. Josh." He's pure Actor Benjamin Arthur, manic enersays Arthur

The actor admits he needed some of that excess energy to stay warm during the making of the first season of Less Than Kind, which was shot in the dead of winter in Winnipeg.

"Last season was ridiculous. I mean, I lived in Kitimat (B.C.), so I'm used to cold. But this was like minus 52 C. You had 55 seconds of shooting before you

have to stop or your skin freezes. And I'm there dressed in my torn Josh jeans and V-neck T-shirt.

Arthur says his nomination for a Leo Award - given to the best in British

Columbian film and television - is a big deal to a guy from Kitimat.

though a little bit weird. "It's

Best Supporting Actor In A Dramatic Series. I'm in a com-

edy. So I'm up against actors in serious shows like The Guard, I can see them announcing my nomination by running a clip of me shaking it naked."

• The Leo Awards will be presented this weekend in Vancouver. Reruns of the first season of Less Than Kind air on City TV. Check local listings for times and channels.

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Entertainment in brief

FILM Rosario Dawson and Steve Coogan will run the un derworld in the Greek mythology-infused adventure film Percy Jackson, Chris Columbus

is directing the adaptation of Rick Riordan's best-selling fantasy-adventure book series, which stars Uma Thurman

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Hargitay optimistic

While ongoing contract negotiations continue to leave the fate her Law & Order: SVU role in question, Mariska Hargitay is optimistic. "I hope so," she told Access Hollywood, when asked if she'll be returning as the NBC cop drama's Olivia Benson. TYGUIDE.COM

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Going Out

Metro's **7**th **Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

Star Trek FILM The latest reboot of the beloved franchise boldly goes where no Star Trek has gone before — the territory of young, Hollywood cool. Trekkies will probably hate the Gen Y avatars of Kirk and Spock (played by Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto respectively) but the J.J. Abramsdirected version may well ensure that the sci-fi classic lives and prospers for generations to come.



Bernard Lachance ARTIST You could call him Paul Potts (or Susan Boyle.

if you will) a la Quebec. The struggling Canadian singer posted a YouTube video asking Oprah Winfrey and her friend, Gayle King, to attend one of his concerts. Impressed by the online invitation, Winfrey asked Lachance to record a song (The Impossible Dream in both English and French) for her show. The performance, which aired Tuesday night, brought tears to many eyes.

Mix of six

Mother's Day Tea

When: Sunday Where: Devonian Botanic Garden

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Books2eat gala

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Where: Stanley A. Milner

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That Bloomin' Garden Show When: Saturday

Where: Alberta Avenue Hall Learn how to improve your vegetable or flower gardens with some of the gardening workshops. Check out avenueinitative.ca.

A Cappella festival

When: Saturday Where: The Citadel Maclab Theatre

The Northern Harmony Festival is the longest running cappella festival in Canada and this event will mark its 10th year in Edmonton.

Stars On Ice When: Saturday

Where: Rexall Place

Alberta's Kurt Browning will be joined with some of skating's biggest stars. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Mother's day walk

When: Sunday Where: End of Steele Park, Old Strathcona

Help raise money for Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital as it needs an acute care physiologic monitoring system.

21st Century Breakdown **ALBUM** The grand gesture is alive and well. For their latest album (due next Friday), California punk rockers Green Day have cranked up their operatic ambitions to 11 with a three-act storyline and '70s bombast. If early reports are to be believed, Breakdown's poised to top American Idiot, the

Billy Elliot

AL The stage adaptation of the Oscar-nominated British film about a coal miner's son who dreams of being a dancer bagged 15 Tony nominations this week. Canadians can be proud — Montreal-born David Alvarez, 14, is one of three rotating stars who play the musical's title role.

1,000 Awesome Things **BLOG** This bouyant website (1000awesomethings.com) run by Toronto's Neil Parischa has created so much buzz that New York publisher William Morris Agency wants to turn the postings into a book. This week, the 29-year-old human resources worker also won a Webby award for best personal/cultural blog.

Ben Southall PEOPLE For the next six months, this British charity worker will get paid top dollars just to sit back, relax and blog about an Australian beach paradise. The 34-yearold was selected for the muchtouted "best job in the world."

The Big Bang Theory **SHOW** The geeks shall inherit the earth or, in this case, save the sitcom. The modest show about a group of nerdy physicists and their girl-next-door has been picked up two more seasons.

Shania named Hello! beauty crown winner

In its inaugural "most beautiful" ranking, Hello! Canada has honoured country singer Shania Twain with the title of Canada's Most Beautiful Woman.

"Pop-country singing sensation Shania Twain. 43, is self-effacing when it comes to her undeniable beauty," says the magazine

"I don't think I'm ugly, I just think I'm overrated on the cutie factor," she says. But for the stunner,



good is the key to looking great. "I like to feel like a woman," she says. "I feel sexy in a plain white T-shirt with nothing underneath."

On newsstands now, the new issue of the magazine pays tribute to the most beautiful the country has to offer - including TV and movie stars, politicians, royalty, musicians and athletes.

Some other Canadians who made Hello's Most Beautiful list include Dr. Kiefer Dhalla. Rubv Sutherland, Kim Cattrall, Evangeline Lilly, The Four Tenors, and 90210 stars Shenae Grimes, Jessica Lowdes, Dustin Milligan and Jason Priestley.

• For more, pick up Hello!'s 50 Most Beautiful Canadians, on newsstands now. hellomagazine.com

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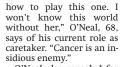
Jon Gosselin of Jon and Kate Plus Eight admits he's going through a tough time at home right now, but tells fans he's been faithful to his wife. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," he said in a statement. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

'I won't know this world without her'

TRUE LOVE In an exclusive interview with People, an emotional and often teary-eyed Ryan O'Neal spoke for the first time about the devastating illness of his longtime partner, Farrah Fawcett, who has battled cancer for the past two and a half years.

"It's a love story. I just don't know



O'Neal also revealed for the first time how the anal cancer long ago spread to other parts of Fawcett's body, including her liver.

"She stays in bed now. The doctors see that she is comfortable. Farrah is on IVs, but some of that is for nourishment," he explains. "The treatment has pretty much ended."

Fawcett, 62, herself tells of her journey through illness in Farrah's Story a two-hour NBC documentary she shot with pal Alana Stewart that airs

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Heart yes, mind no: Sam

INDECISION Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be reconciling, sources say. Lohan reportedly spent the night at Ronson's home early this week after telling E! News that the two were "in touch."

And Lohan's attempts to get Ronson back may be working. "It's a cycle that can go on forever," a source tells People magazine. "Now that things have died

down

little and Lindsay is behaving herself and showing Sam what she wants to see, Sam's strength to

stay away eases up."
But the source
adds that Ronson is still resisting. "Sam knows
in her head, life
is truly better off
without Lindsay —
even if her heart
sometimes

says otherwise."

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Sarah Jessica's wild surrogate

IS THAT HEREDITARY?

Michelle Ross, the woman reportedly serving as a surrogate mother for Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker, has a bit of a wild past, according to Star magazine.

Her ex-husband, Joe Erker, tells the magazine that Ross is bisexual — and even has a tattoo on her wrist proclaiming it.

Ross herself even admitted that she has a bit of wild side. "I have had pink hair and tattoos and spiked collars," Ross tells the magazine. "My



Legal loophole for Chris?

LEGAL EAGLE Chris Brown's legal team is on the move, people.com reports.

The singer's lawyer, Mark Geragos, filed a request in a Los Angeles court Wednesday seeking access to LAPD records, arguing that Rihanna's injury photo — widely distributed on the Web — was "illegally leaked to the media" by police and may result in a case dismissal, radaronline.com reports.

"I am informed and believe that this highly prejudicial photograph was sold by an LAPD officer to the entertainment website, TMZ," Geragos states.

"The photograph was immediately viewed by hundreds of thousands of viewers and was displayed on every news channel for several weeks ... The purpose of the leak was necessari-

ly for profit and to vilify Mr. Brown and poison the potential jury pool."

Geragos adds that if LAPD records show "dishonest conduct" by its officers, "I intend to use such

evidence at the preliminary hearing to attack their credibility ... I believe there is a reasonable likelihood that

L.A. criminal defence attorney Jeffery Rubenstein, who's not involved in the case, says, "It's unlikely the judge will dismiss the case

the case will be dismissed

at the preliminary hear-

judge will dismiss the case on the grounds of leaked evidence. It's not police conduct at issue here, it's Chris Brown's."

Brown, 20, has pleaded not guilty to allegedly beating Rihanna on Feb. 8. A preliminary hearing, in which the court determines if there's

enough evidence for trial, is to begin within eight court days of May

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Dan's new drag queen BFF

UNLIKELY PAIR Daniel Radcliffe has befriended a drag queen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Harry Potter star has been spotted enjoying several dinners with Our Lady J, a transvestite Dolly Parton impersonator he met in New York last year.

The pair was photographed walking arm-inarm on Sunday, and the

19-year-old actor is believed to have formed a close bond with his new pal.

A close friend of Our Lady J told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "Daniel is fascinated by the drag culture and is always asking questions

He went to a few shows and was made to feel very welcome.

"He's a lovely guy and he and Our Lady J got on like a house on fire. They have eaten out together and been to parties. They have become quite close."

Our Lady J — who makes a living performing songs by Dolly, Alanis Morissette and Nine Inch Nails —

talks about Radcliffe on her Twitter account.

She wrote: "Just had delish meal w/Dan Radcliffe."
The pair met when Radcliffe was performing in a production of Equus last February in New York.

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Kiefer's head-butting has consequences

PROBATION PROBLEM Kiefer Sutherland was charged with assault after he allegedly head-butted a man at a party in New York on Tuesday, but authorities in Los Angeles may come down harder on him, people.com reports.

Sutherland, who's currently serving a five-year probation term in Los Angeles for his second DUI conviction, may have violated those terms, which clearly state the actor must "obey all laws."

Sutherland — who surrendered to police yesterday, according to local news reports —

allegedly came to the defence of actress Brooke Shields after Jack McCollough reportedly bumped into Shields.

"Our office intends to contact the NYPD and New York prosecutors to review the incident and determine whether Mr. Sutherland violated probation," L.A. City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan tells People.

A probation violation often means a return to jail. Sutherland previously spent 48 days in jail on his second DUI conviction.

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MJ sued by own spokeswoman

SOME LOYALTY Michael Jackson is facing more legal trouble, this time from within his

from within his own camp. His spokesperson Raymone Bain is suing him \$44 million owed Hollyscoop. "Mr. Jackson has elected not to honour the financial obligations of our contractual relationship, despite my numerous attempts to amicably resolve this matter," Bain said.

for her work, according to

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Take Five

15 16 27 29 32 33 38 39 44 46 49

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Volcano output 4 One of the Three Bears 8 Slaughter of baseball lore 12 Story of a lifetime? 13 Scratches (out) 14 Anger 15 In the attic, maybe 17 Anger 18 At bat, so to speak 19 Seraglio group

20 Thick chunks

22 Be patient 24 Senate employee 25 Pirates 29 Luau musicmaker 30 Conficker et al. 31 Extinct bird 32 Gives up hope 34 Urban pall 35 Pre-swan 36 "All in the Family" spin-off 37 Shackles a

perp

40 Have coming 41 "Yeah, right! 42 Runs a meeting with someone else 46 Gilpin of "Frasier" 47 Initial stake 48 Menagerie 49 Paradise 50 Indigent 51 Grown-up elver

Crossword down

1 Dhabi preceder 2 Try the tea 3 Abductees 4 Bosc and Bartlett 5 Related 6 Apiece 7 Fool 8 Proofreader's finds 9 Depilatory brand 10 Eyeball 11 Appear

16 Brits' subway 19 Greet the villain 20 Tater 21 Baikal, for one 22 Fret

23 Weaponry

25 Form rings 26 Vaccinate 27 Crucifix 28 Parsley partner? 30 Witty ones 33 Short-necked seabird 34 Poet Teasdale

36 "Real Time With Bill —" 37 Part of a Batsuit 38 Secondhand

39 Conflagration 40 Prefix with plasm 42 Upper limit

43 Yoko of music 44 Shad delicacy 45 Scale member

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME: Under 13 minGenius
Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar

17-21 min 21-25 minNot bad 25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Stuffed Rissoles

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef

3.8-oz (110-g) bottle or package hamburger seasoning mix 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcester-

shire sauce 1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato

sauce salt and freshly ground black pepper 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated cheddar

1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil TO SERVE:

Tomato sauce METHOD:

1 Put meat, hamburger seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce and salt and freshly ground black pepper into bowl. Knead mixture until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 5–10 minutes.

2. Divide mixture into four; shape each portion into flat patty. Using thumb, make deep hole in centre of each patty, taking care not to push all the way through.

3. Place a quarter of cheese into centre of each patty, then mould meat over to cover cheese. If necessary, press flat. 4. Heat oil in large frying pan. Add patties and cook over moderate heat until cooked through, 5-7 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't take a man's stupid statement personally. It is possible to defeat your own purpose. There's a pattern within chaos.

LIBRA **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Be merciful toward an awkward guy. A secret dialogue will make matters worse. Trivial chitchat is inadequate for your

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 A girl can help with a romance. Rest assured that something will work out well. Give someone the right idea.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Delightful expectations will make you too excited. Annoying people should be avoided. yourself who will come to vour rescue.

GEMINI

 (π) MAY 22-JUNE 21 A grovelling person is ham-pered by fear. Decide where to go at the last minute. A late night chat will fix a threatened project.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Take stock before making a decision. Joyous events create clo-sure in a troubling issue. Take it easy when you're self-con-

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Refuse to accept a controversial decision. A merry visitor gives you second thoughts. Pay attention to exceptional dreams.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

An obnoxious idiot comes charging in. Vengeance can't mend a broken heart. Be discreet about a previous decision.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A miserable woman accuses others of being superficial. Be open enough to spend time hanging out. A sensitive man gives in after a standoff.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18 A reliable friend will reveal surprising info. Wild passion overwhelms a discussion. Remembering a recent encounter is counter-productive.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

An irrelevant lecture can be avoided. Comfort the lonely and lay on the compliments. A mature friend treats you to a thrilling surprise.

AVATAR VENUS

PISCES

FFR 19-MARCH 20

A tongue-lashing leads to an uncomfortable scene. Use self-control with an indignant woman. It's not a good idea to start a new venture.







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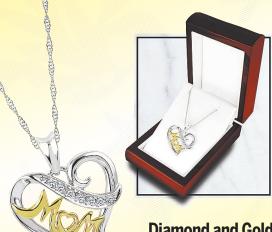
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